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MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Status of Air-Conditioning in Four Temporary Buildings

1. There are 396 air-conditioning units to be installed in Curie, Barton, and Alcott Halls, and Building . These consist of 252 units and 144 units to be obtained from other temporary buildings. When these are installed air-conditioning in all temporary buildings will be on an equal basis.

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2. At present, for all practical purposes, it can be said there is no wiring in these four buildings; although the 252 units have been in stock for some time, the buildings were not wired because it was too expensive to wire the entire area when air-conditioning was to be put into only certain portions. Locations of the air-conditioning units had to be determined by the components of the Agency who were to occupy the space. This was not known until recently. Moreover, the reallocation of units was not determined until late in April. All of this resulted in no wiring being installed.

3. On 21 April 54 job orders for the wiring of the four buildings, the installation of the units in stock, and the removal of and reinstallation of 144 units were submitted to Public Buildings Service. Because of the size of the job and non-availability of personnel, PBS decided to have the wiring and installation done by outside contracts. They issued bids for the job and these bids are to be opened 18 June. They will be awarded about a week later. This means the work will begin about 1 July. As the invitation for bids specified 30 days for the job, it should be completed and all units installed and in operation by 1 August.

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